

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
EASTERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

LEE CHARLES JASPER,

Petitioner,

v.

LANDON BIRD,

Respondent.

Case No. 1:22-cv-00838-BAK (SAB) (HC)

ORDER TRANSFERRING CASE TO THE
SACRAMENTO DIVISION OF THE
EASTERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

Petitioner is a state prisoner proceeding pro se with a petition for writ of habeas corpus pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 2254.

When a state prisoner files a habeas petition in a state that contains two or more federal judicial districts, the petition may be filed in either the judicial district in which the petitioner is presently confined or the judicial district in which he was convicted and sentenced. See 28 U.S.C. § 2241(d); Rumsfeld v. Padilla, 542 U.S. 426, 442 (2004) (quoting Carbo v. United States, 364 U.S. 611, 618 (1961)). Petitions challenging the execution of a sentence are preferably heard in the district where the inmate is confined. See Dunne v. Henman, 875 F.2d 244, 249 (9th Cir. 1989). Petitions challenging convictions or sentences are preferably heard in the district of conviction. See Laue v. Nelson, 279 F. Supp. 265, 266 (N.D. Cal. 1968). Section 2241 further states that, rather than dismissing an improperly filed action, a district court, “in the exercise of its discretion and in furtherance of justice[,] may transfer” the habeas petition to

another federal district for hearing and determination. Id.; see also 28 U.S.C. § 1404(a) (court may transfer any civil action “to any other district or division where it might have been brought” for convenience of parties or “in the interest of justice”).

Here, Petitioner’s claims relate to his conviction and sentence that occurred in the Shasta County Superior Court, which is part of the Sacramento Division of the United States District Court for the Eastern District of California. See Local Rule 120(d). Therefore, venue is proper in the Sacramento Division. Pursuant to Local Rule 120(f), a civil action which has not been commenced in the proper court, may, on the court’s own motion, be transferred to the proper venue within the District. Therefore, this action will be transferred to the Sacramento Division.

Accordingly, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that:

1. This action is transferred to the Sacramento Division of the United States District Court for the Eastern District of California.
2. All future filings shall reference the new Sacramento case number assigned and shall be filed at:

United States District Court
Eastern District of California
501 “I” Street, Suite 4-200
Sacramento, CA 95814

IT IS SO ORDERED.

Dated: July 12, 2022


UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE